



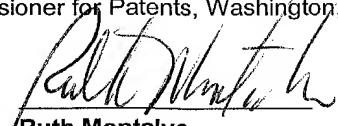
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PETITION FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION

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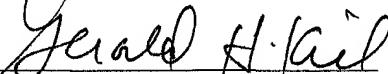
Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed November 19, 2001. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$920.00.

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